

REMARKS

With this amendment, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-35 be cancelled without prejudice. Applicants herein add claims 36-43. Therefore, claims 36-43 are pending.

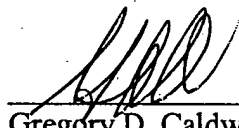
Conclusion

By this preliminary amendment, Applicants add claims 36-43 and cancel claims 1-35 without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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